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\$700 billion bailout shot down in House

Sean McGahan
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Illinois lawmakers were split Monday as the U.S. House of Representatives defeated a \$700 billion emergency rescue for the nation's financial system.

Rep. Jerry Costello, the Democrat who represents Carbondale, was one of four from his party and five Illinois Republicans to oppose the bailout. Seven Democrats and two Republicans from Illinois voted in favor of the measure.

Jerry Weller, a Republican

from Joliet, was the only representative in the nation to not cast a vote.

The bill failed 228-205, with a majority of Democrats nationwide in favor of the plan and a majority of Republicans against.

Democratic leaders said the House would reconvene Thursday for a potential vote on a reworked version of the bill, according to The Associated Press.

In a statement released Monday, Costello said lawmakers are moving too quickly to rush

the proposal through and have not considered other measures to solve the nation's financial crisis.

"I have not been convinced that it is imperative we act right now, or that this proposal will solve the problem as indicated," he wrote.

It is essential that Wall Street helps pay for the program to heal the ailing economy, Costello said, as \$700 billion is too much for taxpayers to bear without a sacrifice from the industry he holds partially responsible for the crisis.

"Now that the bill has failed,

we should remain calm and proceed to consider other alternatives," he wrote.

SIU President Glenn Poshard, who served alongside Costello in the House as a former Democratic representative from 1992 to 1998, said Monday he is confident lawmakers would agree this week on a bill to rectify some of the problems.

But he also warned that those who expect a quick fix would be disappointed.

"They're not going to come out with a bailout package that

will suddenly put this country on its economic feet. These are first steps," Poshard said. "There are a lot of things down the road that we've got to deal with in the way of our educational system, our infrastructure and these kinds of things.

"That is going to contribute to a recovery if we have one — not just bailing out the banks and the banking system."

Inside

For more on the House vote and the economic crisis | [page 4](#)

Alina Fernandez, daughter of former Cuban leader Fidel Castro, speaks Monday night in the Student Center Ballrooms. Fernandez, a former member of the Cuban elite, was forced to flee to America in 1993 and now hosts a radio show based in Miami.

BRANDON CHAPPLE
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Castro's daughter recalls revolution

Demarcus Hamilton
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A revolution becomes a dictatorship when things that you do to make your life better send you to jail, the daughter of Fidel Castro said Monday.

Fernandez, daughter of the former Cuban dictator, was the keynote

speaker of Latino Heritage month. With a heavy accent and humorous anecdotes, Fernandez spoke to a capacity crowd at the Student Center Ballroom D about her childhood in Cuba, her relationship with Castro and the Cuban Revolution.

Fernandez said she remembers the day the revolution came. She was

watching TV as a toddler with a pacifier in her mouth when the TV went blank and Castro gave his first 8-hour speech to the army. Fernandez said the longest speech she could remember Castro giving was 12 hours.

"Imagine George Bush giving a nine-hour speech. Things could be worse," Fernandez said as the crowd

cheered and applauded.

Many things changed and were taken away in Castro's reign, Fernandez said. Christmas was taken off the calendar and cartoons were taken off TV programming. Freedom of the press was also taken away.

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Hispanics hope for more representation on campus

Jeff Engelhardt
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The Hispanic population has grown to more than 45.5 million people in the United States and constitutes 15 percent of the population.

SIUC has not experienced the same type of growth as it has only 746 Hispanic students, which is 3.6 percent of the total student population.

Latino Heritage Month has been hosted on campus since Sept. 15 and has presented different facets of Latino culture through piñata-making workshops, salsa dancing and Monday's speech by Alina Fernandez.

While the events have exposed a culture not often seen in Carbondale, Dave Leija said there is still a struggle for representation.

Leija, a junior from Romeoville studying music business, said groups such as Omega Delta Phi and the Hispanic Student Council help Hispanic students feel comfortable, but do not stop the stereotypes Hispanics face on a daily basis.

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Clerk recommends early voting

Madeleine Leroux
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Editor's note: This is the second of a seven-part series with information about how to cast your vote in the Nov. 4 presidential election.

Registered voters in Illinois don't have to wait until Nov. 4 to vote.

Illinois is one of 35 states that allows early voting, giving citizens the opportunity to vote as early as Oct. 14.

BRING IT TO THE BALLOT
Jackson County Clerk Larry Reinhardt said early voting is recommended as a way to be sure the voting process goes smoothly.

"If you early vote, that gives a person some time to get any

problems ironed out if there is something wrong with their registration," Reinhardt said. "We recommend everybody who can to early vote."

To vote early, Reinhardt said people could go to one of two sites, either the County Clerk's office in the Jackson County Courthouse in Murphysboro or at Carbondale City Hall, between Oct. 14 and Oct. 30. Those who wish to do this must be registered in Jackson County and must bring a government-issued identification card with a photo, such as a driver's license or student ID card, in order to cast their ballots.

"It's no-excuse absentee voting basically," Reinhardt said. "Anyone who is registered to vote can vote during that time period."

Reinhardt said, for the early voting process, Carbondale City Hall would only be equipped with electronic touch screens and the Jackson County Courthouse would have paper ballots.

In February's primary election, roughly 300,000 Illinois votes — about 11 percent of the state's total — were cast early, according to the Illinois State Board of Elections Web site.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN will run five more stories pertaining to the voting process. They will explain: provisional ballots, address changes, absentee ballots, where to go for information about the candidates and how to register after Oct. 7.

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junior from Markham studying accounting

It's a right to decide who you want to run the country.

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The different (candidates) have different policies, and the policies are going to affect the whole world.

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A black and white photograph capturing a candid moment in a school cafeteria. A group of young men, likely students, are seated along a long table covered with a patterned tablecloth. In the foreground, a man on the left, wearing a light-colored button-down shirt and a dark kippah, is focused on eating from a plate. Next to him, another man in a dark shirt and a white kippah with a dark band is also eating. The table is cluttered with various items: plates of food, including what appears to be a large sandwich or pizza being shared, several plastic cups, and bottles of soda, including a Coca-Cola. Other students are visible in the background, some looking towards the camera and others engaged in conversation or eating. The walls of the cafeteria are covered in wood paneling, and a poster with Hebrew text is visible on the right wall. The overall atmosphere is one of a typical school lunch break.

Members of the Jewish faith serve kugel, a potato and noodle dish, during dinner at the Hillel house for Jewish students Monday before the Jewish New Year service, known as Rosh Hashanah.

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Dow takes a dive as bailout bill fails in Congress

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NEW YORK — The failure of the bailout package in Congress dropped jaws on Wall Street and triggered a historic selloff — including a terrifying decline of nearly 500 points in mere minutes as the vote took place, the closest thing to panic the stock market has seen in years.

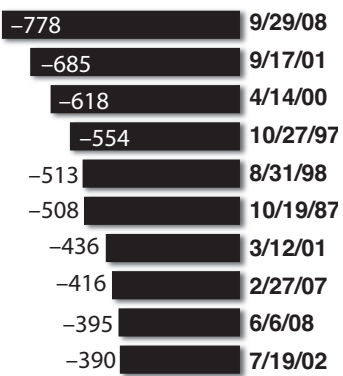
The Dow Jones industrial average lost 777 points Monday, its biggest single-day fall ever, easily beating the 684 points it lost on the first day of trading after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

As uncertainty gripped investors, the credit markets, which provide the day-to-day lending that powers business in the United States, froze up even further.

At the New York Stock Exchange, traders watched with faces tense and mouths agape as TV screens showed the House vote rejecting the Bush

Record drops

Biggest one-day point losses on the Dow Jones Industrials:



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administration's \$700 billion plan to buy up bad debt and shore up the financial industry.

Activity on the trading floor became frenetic as the "sell" orders blew in. The selling was so intense that just 162 stocks on the Big Board rose, while 3,073 dropped.

The Dow Jones Wilshire 5000 Composite Index recorded a paper loss of \$1 trillion across the market for the day, a first.

The Dow industrials, which were down 210 points at 1:30 p.m. EDT, nose-dived as traders on Wall Street and investors across the country saw "no" votes piling up on live TV feeds of the House vote.

By 1:42 p.m., the decline was 292 points. Then the bottom fell out. Within five minutes, the index was down about 700 points as it became clear the bill was doomed.

"How could this have happened? Is there such a disconnect on Capitol Hill? This becomes a problem because Wall Street is very uncomfortable with uncertainty," said Gordon Charlop, managing director with Rosenblatt Securities.

"The bailout not going through sends a signal that Congress isn't willing to do their part," he added.

While investors didn't believe that the plan was a cure-all and it could take months for its effects to be felt, most market watchers believed it was at least a start toward setting the economy right and unlocking credit.

"Clearly something needs to be done, and the market dropping 400 points in 10 minutes is telling you that," said Chris Johnson, president of Johnson Research Group. "This isn't a market for the timid."

Before trading even began came



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House Minority Leader John Boehner, R-Ohio, speaks to reporters on Capitol Hill in Washington Monday after the House vote on the financial bailout package failed.

word that Wachovia Corp., one of the biggest banks to struggle from rising mortgage losses, was being rescued in a buyout by Citigroup Inc.

That followed the recent forced sale of Merrill Lynch & Co. and the failure of three other huge banking companies, Bear Stearns Cos., Washington Mutual Inc. and Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc., all of them felled by bad mortgage investments.

And it raised the question: Which banks are next, and how many? The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. lists more than 110 banks in trouble in the

second quarter, and the number has probably grown since.

Wall Street is contending with all of it against the backdrop of a credit market — where bonds and loans are bought and sold — that is barely functioning because of fears that anyone lending money will never be paid back.

More evidence could be found Monday in the Treasury's three-month bill, where investors were stashing money, willing to accept the tiniest of returns simply to be sure that their principal would survive.

The yield on the three-month bill was 0.15 percent, down from 0.87 percent and approaching zero, a level reached last week when fear was also running high.

Analysts said the government needs to find a way to help restore confidence in the markets.

"It's probably fair to say that we are not going to see any significant stability in the credit markets or the stock market until we see some sort of rescue package passed," said Fred Dickson, director of retail research for D.A. Davidson & Co.

Citigroup to buy Wachovia banking operations

Sara Lepro
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Citigroup agreed Monday to buy Wachovia's banking operations for \$2.1 billion in a deal arranged by federal regulators, making the Charlotte, N.C.-based bank the latest casualty of the widening global financial crisis.

The deal greatly expands Citigroup's retail franchise — giving

it a total of more than 4,300 U.S. branches and \$600 billion in deposits — and secures its place among the U.S. banking industry's Big Three, along with Bank of America Corp. and JPMorgan Chase & Co.

But it comes at a cost: Citigroup Inc. said it will slash its quarterly dividend in half to 16 cents. It also will dilute existing shares by selling \$10 billion in common stock to shore up its capital position.

In addition to assuming \$53 billion worth of debt, Citigroup will absorb up to \$42 billion of losses from Wachovia's \$312 billion loan portfolio, with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. agreeing to cover remaining losses, if any. Citigroup also will issue \$12 billion in preferred stock and warrants to the FDIC.

The remainder of Wachovia will include its asset management, retail brokerage and certain select parts of

its wealth management businesses, including the Evergreen and Wachovia Securities franchises. It will continue to be a public company under the Wachovia name.

The agreement comes after a fevered weekend courtship in which Citigroup and Wells Fargo & Co. both were reportedly studying the books of Wachovia Corp., which was weighed down by losses linked to its ill-timed 2006 acquisition of mortgage lender

Golden West Financial Corp.

Wachovia, like Washington Mutual Inc., which was seized by the federal government last week, was a big originator of option adjustable-rate mortgages, which offered very low introductory payments and let borrowers defer some interest payments until later years. Delinquencies and defaults on these types of mortgages have skyrocketed in recent months, causing big losses for the banks.

U.S. Navy seizes ship with Sudan-bound

Elizabeth A. Kennedy
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NAIROBI, Kenya — On Monday, United States helicopters buzzed a hijacked Ukrainian cargo ship carrying 33 Soviet-designed tanks and other weapons that officials fear could end up in the hands of al-Qaida-linked militants in Somalia if the pirates are allowed to escape.

Thursday's seizure of the MV Faina off Somalia, a failed state seen as a key battleground in the war on terrorism, could bring dangerous

effects across the Horn of Africa and the Gulf of Aden, one of the world's busiest shipping lanes.

Piracy has become a lucrative criminal racket in impoverished Somalia, bringing in millions of dollars in ransom.

The pirates aboard the blue-and-white Ukrainian-operated freighter are demanding \$20 million to release the ship, its 21 crew members, one of whom has died of an apparent heart attack, and its cargo of T-72 tanks, rifles and ammunition.

The ship, now anchored off Somalia's coast near the central

town of Hobyo, apparently was destined for Sudan when armed pirates overtook it, likely from a speedboat, and climbed up the side of the ship.

"We maintain a vigilant watch over the ship and we will remain on station while negotiations between the pirates and the shipping company are going on," Lt. Nathan Christensen, a deputy spokesman for the U.S. Navy's Bahrain-based 5th Fleet, told The Associated Press.

Although the pirates have not been allowed to take anything off the Faina, they have been allowed

to resupply, one U.S. official said when asked if those aboard needed anything such as food. The official declined to comment on whether the negotiations between the pirates and the shipping company are being monitored.

U.S. Navy destroyers and cruisers have been deployed within 10 miles of the hijacked vessel and helicopters were circling overhead because of "great concern" over the possibility of the cargo falling "into the wrong hands," Christensen said. At one point on Sunday, the captain of the Faina said a warship was about two miles

away.

"Our goal is to ensure the safety of the crew, to not allow off-loading of dangerous cargo and to make certain Faina can return to legitimate shipping," said Rear Adm. Kendall Card, commander of the task force monitoring the ship.

Although analysts say the pirates will likely be unable to unload the tanks, the other military hardware or a huge ransom could exacerbate the two-decade-old civil war in a country where nearly every building is pockmarked with bullet holes and all major civil institutions have crumbled.

CHINA

Cadbury pulls chocolates after tests find melamine

HONG KONG (AP) — British candy maker Cadbury announced a recall Monday of chocolate made in its Beijing factory after it was found to contain melamine, the industrial chemical that has sickened tens of thousands of Chinese children.

The 11 recalled items were sold in parts of Asia and the Pacific, the company said in a statement. Cadbury's chocolates sold in the United States were not affected, said a spokesman for Hershey's, Cadbury's sole U.S. distributor.

OHIO

McCain: 'Country first or Obama first'

COLUMBUS, (AP) — Lagging in the polls, Republican presidential candidate John McCain unleashed a blistering attack Monday on his Democratic rival, saying the race comes down to a simple question: "Country first or Obama first?"

In his first public appearance since Friday night's debate, McCain said Democrat Barack Obama advocates tax-and-spend policies that "will deepen our recession," and voted against funding for equipment needed by troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

VERMONT

Mama's milk ice cream, anyone?

WATERBURY, (AP) — Mooove over, Holsteins. PETA wants world-famous Ben & Jerry's Homemade Ice Cream to tap nursing moms, rather than cows, for the milk used in its ice cream.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals is asking the ice cream maker to begin using breast milk in its products instead of cow's milk, saying it would reduce the suffering of cows and calves and give ice cream lovers a healthier product.

CALIFORNIA

Mars lander finds minerals suggesting past water

LOS ANGELES (AP) — NASA's Phoenix spacecraft has discovered evidence of past water at its Martian landing site and spotted falling snow for the first time, scientists reported Monday.

Soil experiments revealed the presence of two minerals known to be formed in liquid water. Scientists identified the minerals as calcium carbonate, found in limestone and chalk, and sheet silicate.

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“There are still nights I could just go out to get a pizza and some ignorant asshole sees I’m Hispanic and will call me an illegal immigrant or something,” Leija said. “It’s hard for us to shake that stuff off when people don’t care.”

But Leija said that for every bad experience he has, there are plenty more good ones.

The Mexico native said he enjoys the people in the College of Music because they keep an open mind and allow for expression from all cultures through concerts and events.

Leija said the Hispanic student

groups on campus are working to attract more Hispanic students to Carbondale. The population is so small now that he said it was easy to notice the difference between the 693 last year compared to the 746 this fall.

One student helping to bring more Hispanic students to SIUC is president of the Hispanic Student Council Luis Mata.

Mata, a senior from Mundeline studying landscape design, said the council had a group of inner-city Hispanic high school students visit the campus to show them the possibilities.

He said he did not think there was enough representation of the Hispanic community on campus in the student

body or in administrative offices.

“I was so happy when (former Chancellor) Fernando Treviño took office because it was a message the university wanted to diversify,” Mata said. “I still don’t know why they took him out of office, but I hope they find ways to have more diversity so we can have a voice too.”

Mata said the council planned on following up with the Hispanic students who visited the campus by taking a trip to Chicago to speak with students about SIUC.

Carl Ervin, director of student development, said Latino Heritage Month is an important event for Hispanic students and the whole

SIUC community.

He said the events give the small population of Latino students a voice and allow students from other cultures to get an understanding of the history.

“I think people who come to these events and meet people realize we have a lot more in common than we think,” Ervin said. “We can use this to break barriers and get a better understanding of each other.”

If the U.S. Census Bureau is accurate in its predictions, it won’t be long before the Hispanic population has a much stronger voice. According to the bureau, there will be 102.6 million Hispanics in the United States by July 2050.

The Hispanic community is not only growing in numbers, but in educational achievement as well. Last year, 3.3 million Hispanics 18 and older had at least a bachelor’s degree, which was nearly double the 1.7 million reported a decade earlier, according to the census.

Mata said if the trend continues, it would make the Latino community one of the most influential groups in the country.

“I think this movement has been coming for a while now,” Mata said. “People are starting to see and understand the Hispanic people and there will start to be more representation of our culture.”

CUBA
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Fernandez said she also witnessed an execution.

Fernandez also said the food supply diminished, farmers were pretty much put out of business. The only items favored were tobacco, coffee beans and other items they could export.

Fernandez escaped from her country and family roots with her daughter in 1993, wearing a disguise and using a fake passport. She hasn’t spoken to her family since her escape, saying that in Cuba politics is more important than family.

“Once you leave, family ties are broken because you are considered a traitor if you don’t agree with the regime,” Fernandez said in an earlier interview.

She stopped talking to her father before she escaped. He always had

security around him so it was difficult to have a private life with him, but Fernandez said she tried.

She wanted to get her daughter out of Cuba so she could have a better future. Because of the deteriorating economy in Cuba at the time, many schools were closing, Fernandez said.

Fernandez witnessed the Cuban revolution as her father overthrew the Batista government in 1959. As she got older, Fernandez developed her own political opinions and joined the political dissonance movement that protested the actions of her father’s regime.

Fernandez wasn’t always in opposition to her father. In fact, Fernandez was not told that Castro was her father until she was 10 years old. But Fernandez recalls his frequent late night visits to her home where the two would stay up until the early hours of the morning playing. It was through the frequent visits and

the time Castro spent playing with her that Fernandez knew he was her father.

“I was relieved when I was told that he was my father so I didn’t have to say that my father and sister were worms,” Fernandez said, referring to the label given to Cubans who escaped.

Fernandez was born out-of-wedlock in Havana, as her father and mother were married to different people at the time. Castro is rumored to have at least nine children by several different women.

Fernandez resides in Miami where she hosts a radio show on Cuban and Cuban-American issues. Fernandez released her story in a 1998 book, “Castro’s Daughter: An exile’s Memoir of Cuba,” which talks about her view of growing up in Cuba and how she escaped. She also writes and has had several television appearances.

“I’m living the American Dream,

which means I’m always sleepy,” Fernandez said.

Fernandez spoke for about 35 minutes before she opened up to questions. One person asked Fernandez what she thinks about the future of Cuba and leader Raul Castro, who came to lead the country when his brother stepped down.

“A lot of people got the feeling that Raul would change things but he’s not. He allowed people to use cell phones and to use the hotels, but these changes are not significant enough — not anything that will solve economic problems,” Fernandez said.

In a ballroom packed with students and community members, the crowd applauded and gave a standing ovation.

Fernandez’s speech interested Brandi French so much that she said she wanted more information.

“I was looking forward to her speech.

She is really interesting and I really want to read her book now because she seems to have a good overview of what happened and she tries not to let her personal opinion cloud the facts,” said French, a junior from Georgetown studying social work.

Other students such as Gabriel Garcia, a sophomore from Chicago studying aviation management, wanted more opinion and fewer facts.

“I felt like the speech that she gave was a little impersonal,” he said. “She basically gave a history lecture. If someone is going to give a firsthand lecture, I would like to have heard more of her personal opinion of what she’s gone through with a more contemporary view of what’s going on.”

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



THE DUKE REPORT

John McCain: Shark jumper

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Sarah Palin was the pill taken by Sen. John McCain's presidential campaign that brought a sense of vitality and excitement that wasn't there before. She was able to re-energize the party and the narrative started to shape; could Sen. Barack Obama stand a chance against this dynamic duo? Poll numbers showed an increased tightening of the race, and McCain was able to maintain a narrow lead in the polls. The pill worked.

Medications, however, come with side effects, and prescription-strength Palin is now causing fatigue. Perhaps if McCain would have met with her more than once before he chose her, he and his campaign might have realized she might be a jagged little pill.

The American people are not swallowing. After the debacle that was her Charlie Gibson interview, the campaign hit the mute button. Since then, she has done only two other interviews and has had, altogether, about five minutes of press questions.

The Palin pick changed the narrative of this race. She has become Cousin Ollie.

Campaigns are a lot like TV shows. They follow narratives and they need campaign (ad) dollars to fund them so they get picked next season (election/re-election). Therefore, campaigns can fall into the same traps as TV shows.

The Brady Bunch was one of the highest rated TV shows of its time. After a while, the ratings began to slump. How many times can Marcia break her nose before it gets old?

So, the network executives tried to save the show by bringing in a new character. That character was Cousin Ollie, and most folks blame him for ruining the entire Brady Bunch. The fact that the show was out of gas before Ollie didn't matter — he symbolized the downfall. If John McCain loses, Palin will be that new symbol, the new Ollie.

It's not her fault; she is a first-term governor from Alaska. If that was all she was, I couldn't care less whether she knew what the Bush doctrine was because governors can't invade countries. Today, however, she is running to be the vice president to a 72-year-old cancer survivor.

Palin's dangerous ignorance of issues demonstrates one thing clearly — John McCain's poor judgment. With our economy resembling the Hindenburg, the VP choice of Mitt Romney or another business-class Republican would have

put the Democrats under a barrel. He could have reinforced Obama's "inexperience" while the media fawned over his decision to put "country first" by picking Romney, whom he is reported to loathe.

Instead, he made the impulsive choice of Palin, who has alienated independents and worried all but the most socially conservative. To use another analogy, John McCain has jumped the shark.

The term "jumping the shark" refers to a "Happy Days" episode where (because of sagging ratings) Fonzie jumps a shark on water skis. This has become a term used to describe the moment when a show starts its inevitable decline. And John McCain has done it now three times.

Palin was the first shark he jumped. Then the absurd "Obama wants kindergarten sex-ed" shark was jumped. Finally last week, while water-skiing backwards on one foot, John McCain jumped the largest shark by "suspending his campaign" to "fix the economy." John McCain: Olympic shark jumper.

While there are still more sharks to jump (replacing Palin?), the McCain show will never be able to get back to where it once was. It's a pity, but I'm a political rubbernecker, so I'll watch them try.

O'Connor is a junior studying political science and philosophy.

GUEST COLUMN

Motorists are not solely at fault

Dave Mack
GUEST COLUMN

Kevin Higgins says he is bringing another point of view to the table but he is as guilty of ignoring the opposing point of view as he incorrectly states that I am. He claims I must be offended by the notion that drivers are a threat to bicyclists. While "offended" isn't the word I'd choose, "bothered" certainly is. Having bicyclists share the road with motorized vehicles subjects them to more danger than otherwise necessary.

So do bicyclists who ride through crosswalks instead of stopping, looking both ways, and then walking their bikes across.

I, like most motorists, don't wish bicyclists any harm. I am a very attentive driver (despite what Mr. Higgins implies) and watch out closely for all traffic. My collision-free driving record speaks for itself. But I have had more than a few close calls with bicyclists, such as having them dart out in front of my vehicle or having to

swerve to avoid them in traffic. If all bicyclists stopped and waited to ensure they had the right-of-way before crossing the street, and if bicyclists stuck to the sidewalk instead of the street, each one of those close calls wouldn't have happened in the first place.

As a motorcyclist, I am well aware of the heightened risk I am subjected to by not having the protection of a couple tons of steel around me. I ride defensively, and in 14 years of motorcycling, have never had a collision with another vehicle. I assume that nobody sees me, and I anticipate them making moves that could potentially harm me and plan escape routes. Doing so has allowed me to avoid many potentially-injurious or even deadly situations.

Consequently, any bicyclist who places value in his or her own well-being must practice defensive riding. Riding across crosswalks or using crosswalks without waiting for traffic to yield the right of way — this applies to pedestrians as well — does not qualify as defensive riding. Quite frankly, I don't think bicyclists who are forced to share the road with traffic are in a very good position to

ride defensively either.

Mr. Higgins says he thinks that the police don't ticket motorists because he has rarely seen traffic stops. Yet during my 14 years in Carbondale, I've regularly seen motorists stopped by police, but I have never seen a bicyclist pulled over. Does that mean that bicyclists never get tickets? Presumably not, but my observation is no more or less legitimate than Mr. Higgins', and no scientifically valid conclusion can be drawn from either of our observations.

One more thing, Mr. Higgins, you mention that you have a "clean record" and that "(SIUC)" would want more students like that". But based on your assertion that you'll run from the police if they try to ticket you, one might infer that your clean record could be a result of you being adept at avoiding getting caught rather than you being a law-abiding citizen. I doubt that's the kind of student SIUC wants to retain.

Mack is a 1997 SIUC alumnus.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“They can’t catch us like goats; we will fight and everyone here will die with us.”

Spokesman for a group of pirates
who commandeered a Ukrainian cargo vessel carrying \$30 million worth of grenade launchers, ammunition and tanks to Kenya.

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ELECTED TRUTHS

The power to vote

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Over the past two weeks, the country and much of the world has been gripped by the financial turmoil currently engulfing our economy, waiting to see what response law-makers will take to calm the markets and restore confidence.

Amid the presidential election that was supposed to dominate the political scene for the next several weeks, negotiations between the Bush administration and Congress on a proposed \$700 billion bailout of financial institutions have recently taken center stage.

Both Barack Obama and John McCain arrived at the White House Thursday to join Democrat and Republican congressional leaders, Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, and President Bush in crafting legislation that would permit the Treasury Department to purchase toxic assets in hopes that it will provide financial institutions breathing room to open up their credit.

The candidates’ day in Washington ended with talks falling apart when Republicans bolted after proposing an alternative solution that would have provided financial institutions the option of purchasing government insurance for their failing mortgages.

Obama and McCain left Washington Friday morning to participate in the first presidential debate, which was held at the University of Mississippi, as congressional negotiators continued to work on crafting a bailout plan.

Sunday night, leaders announced they agreed on a bailout plan and Speaker Nancy Pelosi introduced the legislation on the floor of the House of Representatives Monday.

After not offering assurances that either candidate would return to Capitol Hill to cast their votes on the legislation, both the McCain and Obama campaigns committed Monday to being present for the Senate vote that could take place as soon as Wednesday.

The presidential campaigns have kept both senators away from the chamber floor for much of this past session of Congress, but this bill could represent the largest government bailout in United States’ history and thus it was imperative for the candidates to remember their current titles and cast their votes.

The bailout is such an important piece of legislation that the presidential debate, which was supposed to focus solely on foreign policy, was altered slightly to include questioning on the current state of the economy. Had Obama and McCain not shown for the vote, it would have made all their posturing on the issue look like nothing but political games.

Americans did not need to witness another situation like the vote on the GI Bill earlier this year. For weeks, McCain railed against the bill, supporting a smaller version that would have narrowed the number of veterans eligible for benefits, only to be absent for the vote despite both Obama and Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., returning to Capitol Hill to vote in favor of it.

Obama and McCain might be focused on November, but I am pleased they are taking action now to assure their presence on the floor when the vote is called on the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, because it will be their Treasury Secretary in 2009 dealing with the ramifications of the legislation.

Stofferahn is a junior studying journalism and political science.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ameren rate hike

DEAR EDITOR:

“Reasonable” is not the word that comes to consumers’ minds when thinking about Ameren’s new rate hikes. Reason was not the guiding principle as the DAILY EGYPTIAN’s recent editorial (Rates are Reasonable 9/26) seems to indicate. Greed was — as well as lack of concern for Illinois consumers’ pocketbooks on the part of the Illinois Commerce Commission.

In a slumping economy, higher utility bills are the wrong idea at the worst possible time — they hurt older adults as much as they hurt working families, small businesses, young adults trying to pay off their student loans, and college students simply trying to make ends meet. According to a nationwide AARP survey, high-energy costs forced 21 percent of adults 18 to 49 years of age to delay payment of bills. That was in 2005, when the economy was in better shape. AARP, the Citizen’s Utility Board, the Illinois Attorney General and elected officials such as State Representatives John Bradley and Bob Flider stood up against these harsh rate hikes and urged the ICC to protect the best interests of Illinois consumers. The ICC ignored the voice of the Illinois consumers. That is not reasonable either — especially as it’s their job to balance the needs of consumers with those of utility companies. In northern Illinois with ComEd, the ICC sided with wealthy corporations that do not need, nor can justify, imposing higher rates and abusive surcharges on financially overburdened customers. Seems the ICC has a balancing problem — putting the needs of utility companies before the needs of consumers, families, businesses and students. Doing the right thing, by not approving unnecessary rate hikes, is what’s reasonable. The ICC and Ameren should have chosen reason over greed and indifference.

Nancy Nelson

advocacy manager AARP Illinois

Harassment code needs more definitions

DEAR EDITOR:

I am a law professor at SIUC, but I write strictly on my behalf. I agree with professor Jonathan Bean that the proposed sexual harassment code does a very poor job of defining what constitutes various offenses. As a result, there is a risk that people will not have adequate notice of what is an offense.

I also am very concerned that the proposed sexual harassment policy does not accord accused individuals due process rights. Individuals accused of sexual harassment do not have the right to learn the name of their accuser. They do not have the right to cross-examine either the accuser or any other witnesses. The right of cross-examination is considered fundamental to our system of justice because it is believed that is the best way to learn the truth. Accused individuals do not even have the right to counsel. Furthermore, at the appeals stage, they do not have an absolute right to present evidence on their own behalf.

This process contrasts sharply with the Judicial Affairs Board process (I am a Judicial Review Board member). For grievances that are subject to the JRB, grievants can present evidence, cross-examine witnesses and have the assistance of an advocate. The SIUC Law School’s Honor Code also provides a better model. We pick a neutral outsider to conduct hearings to determine whether a student has committed an honor code violation. If a student is found to have committed an offense, a sanction is recommended, but the final decision as to the appropriate sanction is up to the dean. Students have the right to counsel, the right to cross-examine witnesses and the right to present evidence on their own behalf. Discipline can be imposed only if there is “clear and convincing evidence,” unlike the lower standard of “preponderance of the evidence” under the proposed sexual harassment code.

Individuals may rightly feel the proposed process gives them little opportunity to be heard fairly and that they have no recourse but to resort to filing a lawsuit in federal court as Dr. Meyers has done.

Leonard Gross

law professor

Deepest sympathy

DEAR EDITOR:

Generation CHANGE Inc. would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the family, friends, roommates and dance team members of Kevetta Davis and Yasmin Jackson. Many times we often do not know if we will see one another from day to day. So we must not be fearful, but conscious of the fact that life is like a vapor. We should take the lessons that we have learned from these two young ladies and always strive to make a change, just as they have done. Whether it involves lifting up a friend’s spirits, or showing those around us that we must be grateful for what we have.

Without even knowing it, they have caused a great change in the hearts and minds of those around them, perhaps one that will never be forgotten. For this we thank Kevetta Davis and Yasmin Jackson and name them honorary members of Generation CHANGE, Inc. These ladies definitely had a hand on tomorrow today, evidenced by their involvement with on-campus organizations.

Gene Burse

president of Generation CHANGE Inc.

Bicyclists need to be more careful

DEAR EDITOR:

It is heartening to see more bicycles in use on campus since school started. I, myself, dug my old 10-speed out of the cellar during the summer and have already saved hundreds of dollars. The exercise doesn’t hurt either. So nothing negative can be attributed to the two-wheeler. Unfortunately the same cannot be said about the operators, as it appears many either ignore or are not aware the rules of the road apply to them. I speak of yielding to pedestrians in crosswalks.

Today while (ad)venturing between classes I was nearly run down by a cyclist in a crosswalk. I was spared injury because my reaction time was faster than this cyclist from hell. To add insult to what could have been injury, the perp shot me a look that screamed of righteous indignation.

There have been a few letters written to the editor of late bemoaning police ticketing bikers on campus. I for one would like to see violators more than ticketed and would vote for confiscation of their rigs when they are caught blatantly disregarding the law, not to mention common courtesy. When a bicyclist is killed a lot of press follows. Now I can’t imagine a pedestrian being killed by a cyclist, but serious injury is not unfathomable.

Henry Dews

senior studying philosophy and creative writing

Sexual harassment policy unfair

DEAR EDITOR:

In regard to the sexual harassment policy, Dr. Poshard has recently stated, “All I want to make sure is that we’re fair. We’re not going to tolerate sexual harassment in the workplace.” In the ongoing case of Dr. Cal Meyers, is “guilty until proven innocent” fair? Is being banned from the university and escorted away by campus police fair? Is being locked out of his OWN research lab fair (while the university still has his \$3 million) fair? Is the harassment of Dr. Meyers fair? If people knew the full extent of what is actually being done to Dr. Meyers, they would be shocked and appalled. They would not see fairness, but rather gross abuse of authority. His health is deteriorating under the extreme stress. Sound familiar? This administration knows quite a bit about harassment. Not only are they damned good at it, but it is also condoned as being acceptable and above reproach. This university is hardly in a position to withstand the negative publicity. White dog prints painted all over Carbondale doesn’t say much for the university. However, violation of due process and calculated mistreatment of a former faculty member speaks volumes.

Mary-Ann Wildwood

SIUC alumna, 1991 master’s degree in social work

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11 Canine grp.

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15 Temple, ancient

16 Old USSR space station

17 Colorado site of three U.S. Opens

19 Mined mineral

20 Bout enders

21 So I think, online

22 TV show with a laugh track

24 Miami neighborhood

27 Gordon and Sheila

30 Filmmaker Riefenstahl

31 Divvy out

32 "And I Love ___"

33 E.R. personnel

36 Atlanta's main drag

41 Vane dir.

42 Tic-tac-toe loser

43 Zigzag

44 Put in order

46 Cast-iron pan

48 Santa Ana, CA location

52 Paid male date

DOWN

1 Ship's floor

2 Cinco y tres

3 Leon bravos

4 ___ es Salaam

5 Jordan's nickname

6 Solid carbon dioxide

7 Vidalia veggie

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By John Underwood

New York, NY

9/30/08

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By Linda C. Black

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To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is an 8 — You won't have to say very much to get your point across. Let the other person talk herself around to your point of view. This will be lots of fun.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 5 — How are you as a manager? Would you rather simply do the job yourself, to get it right? You may not have that option. Practice being an inspiration to others.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 10 — Make up a list of your hopes and wants, and then forget about it. Do good deeds for others and you'll be amazed at what happens for you.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 5 — Follow a whim. Do this at home, however, not out in the big, wide world. Be wild and crazy — in a secure environment.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is an 8 — You'll soon be skillful enough to relax. Be careful now, however. It's easy to make mistakes when you're not sure what you're doing.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is an 8 — You can afford to get something nice for your family. Decide what you want, and what it's worth, so you'll know a good deal when you see it.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 5 — Think for a moment before you take action. You can figure out exactly which way to go. Your hunches should be right on.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 5 — The time you spend lost deep in thought can lead to great rewards. You have a lot of details to sort, and you need your quiet time. Protect your privacy.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is an 8 — Don't believe everything you hear, especially regarding money. Errors will be the rule, not the exception. Estimates will be too high or too low. Get a Virgo to double-check the facts.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 6 — Listen carefully to what they're saying at the top. Some of this information you can use to your own advantage. You can figure out what they need and, quite possibly, provide it.

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Saluki Insider

Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band has been tabbed as the 2009 Super Bowl halftime entertainment. The Boss succeeds acts such as the Rolling Stones, U2, Paul McCartney, Prince, and Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers. Are you buying Springsteen as the headliner or would you pick another act?





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"I'm not even a country music fan, but I am going to give the nod to Kenny Chesney. I've heard he puts on a great show and I've seen some set lists of his and they feature a lot of cover songs, including classic rock and modern day rock. Plus, his Caribbean style makes him a good fit in Tampa Bay. I could also see him getting a few other big names in there with guest appearances."

"Whoever is in charge of picking the halftime entertainment needs to update their iPod. These are great acts and all, but their prime has come and gone. If I were in charge, I'd pick Diddy, or whatever they're calling him these days. He's got great fashion sense, so there will be no wardrobe malfunctions and he's worked with everyone. Diddy's my pick-to-click."

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"Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band? Are you serious? No one under the age of 30 wants to watch them at halftime. I guarantee that when they come on, 75 percent of the people watching will flip the channel. If it were up to me, Kid Rock would be doing his thing during halftime. Everyone likes a little Kid Rock. Everyone young and old, male and female likes Kid Rock and he gives a great performance."

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VOLLEYBALL

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She leads the league with 10.77 assists per game and has been a vital part in why the SIU hitting percentage is so high.

Murray State carries a 5-8 record into the non-conference match with its biggest win against Eastern Illinois Sept. 21.

Sophomore outside hitter Ashley Nenninger and freshman outside hitter Logan Su represent the Racers' biggest threat. The two average 2.52 and 2.18 kills per game, respectively, and could pose a problem for SIU's defense.

Senior outside hitter Alison Mugler has also been

solid defensively, averaging 3.78 digs per game.

Winkeler said she expects Murray State to be a typical, scrappy Ohio Valley Conference team.

"Physically, they'll be a small team," she said. "They'll dig a lot of balls and force you to make mistakes. It's kind of the same thing we saw against Evansville. We have to stay patient offensively and do some blocking."

Robbins said the team needs to be able to let their loss to Evansville go in order to win against Murray State.

"We just have to get over that frustration and do the little things we need to do," she said. "We just have to come out and play."

Stile Smith can be reached at 536-3311 ext. 282 or ssmi@siu.edu.

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FOOTBALL

Warner wills Salukis to win

Versatile senior leads SIU in touchdowns

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Three games into the 2008 season, SIU senior running back Larry Warner has proven to be the football team's most valuable offensive asset.

The plan was for Warner to split carries with running back Richard White, enabling the tailback tandem to be fresh throughout the year.

But plans quickly changed when an injury to White placed Warner as the team's featured back.

Warner hasn't looked back since. Warner provided SIU with a spark again in Saturday's victory, with the team's first two touchdowns, the first of which was a 97-yard return of the opening kickoff.

Warner credited his teammates for giving him the opportunity to return the opening kick, something he said he wanted to do his entire life.

"My guys up front you have to give credit," Warner said. "That is a big boost coming out there on the opening

play and 14 seconds you are on the board. It's an uphill battle from there."

But Warner's abilities aren't limited to the return game.

Not only does the 5-foot-5 all-purpose back lead the SIU football team in rushing yards, return yards, touchdowns and rank third on the team in receiving yards, he also leads the Football Championship Subdivision in all-purpose yards and is becoming one of the FCS's most explosive offensive threats.

Warner has accounted for 42 percent of the Salukis' scoring this season, with five of the team's seven touchdowns, and is on pace to break into the top-10 in SIU history for points scored in a single season with 110 points.

Warner is also on pace to break SIU's all-time kickoff return record for a single season set by former cornerback Craig Turner. The record currently stands at 756 yards, but after only three games, Warner is on pace to gain 786.

Warner, who has played a major chunk of each of the Salukis' three games this season, already has two of the school's 10 longest kickoff returns in school history.

Warner racked up 353 total yards



Saluki running back Larry Warner dodges the UNI defense during the second period of Saturday night's game at McAndrew Stadium.

ANTHONY SOUFFLE
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and scored two touchdowns in the Salukis' 37-31 season opening victory en route to winning the Missouri Valley Football Conference's Offensive Player of the Week award.

And even though Warner has yet to score on a punt return touchdown, his play as the Salukis' primary punt returner allowed SIU to gain favorable

field position in Saturday's win against Northern Iowa.

Before the game against the Panthers, head coach Dale Lennon preached the importance of field position. Lennon said winning the field position battle could give the SIU offense a better opportunity to score points.

Warner said the team thrives on the return game to set up the offense with good field position.

"Manage yards on kickoffs and punt returns and getting your offense that good field position is important to them," Warner said. "We feel comfortable in our chances to do that and get a short field to work with."

VOLLEYBALL

SIU looks to end skid



Junior outside hitter Kelsie Laughlin attempts to spike the ball past senior Kristie Berwanger during practice Monday at Davies Gymnasium.
STEPHEN RICKERL
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Stile T. Smith
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After racing off to the best start in the SIU volleyball program's history, the Salukis have lost their last two games and look to end a two-game losing skid against Murray State tonight.

SIU started its Missouri Valley Conference season well, beating Indiana State, but has since lost consecutive conference games to Illinois State and Evansville, giving them a 9-3 record heading into tonight's game against the Racers.

"We need to be ready to go," head coach Brenda Winkler said. "Mentally, we have to put that loss behind us and be ready to see a lot of defensive play at Murray. We need to get a win on the road."

But two losses shouldn't overshadow what the Salukis have accom-

plished to this point.

The Salukis rank 12th in the NCAA and first in the MVC with 16.93 digs per game and second in the MVC with 1.33 service aces per game. SIU also ranks third in the MVC with a .221 hitting percentage and 2.49 blocks per game.

The solid start is largely because of SIU's top three performers in junior middle blocker Chandra Roberson, sophomore outside hitter Jennifer Berwanger and senior setter Brooklyn Robbins.

Roberson rates second in the conference with a .361 hitting percentage and is tied with Berwanger for second in the conference with 33 service aces per game.

Robbins, meanwhile, has blossomed into one of the best setters in the MVC.

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CROSS COUNTRY

Louisville Classic first test for SIU

Stile T. Smith
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The SIU cross country team will meet its first major challenge Saturday when it will partake in the Greater Louisville Classic.

The Salukis have already taken first place in both the men's and women's sides in meets at SIU and Eastern Illinois earlier this season, but SIU head coach Matt Sparks said the Greater Louisville Classic should be a bigger challenge because it will have roughly 300 runners in each race.

"It's a different environment, so we will have the opportunity to get used to that feeling," Sparks said. "We've raced the same people for two or three weeks now, so it's going to be nice to see some different uniforms."

Junior Jeff Schirmer prevailed in his first three races, taking first in each one, and said the Louisville meet is one of the biggest this season.

Schirmer said the first three meets of the season have been more or less building up for Saturday's race and have given the team confidence in its first real test of the season.

"I think we've had some really good confidence builders," Schirmer said. "We've done really well our first three races now. I think we're going to be really competitive. We're just really excited."

But Schirmer, the ace of the men's squad, hasn't been the only component to the team's success. Sparks said all the members have stepped up and done their parts.

Sparks said senior Mark Bowman's running has also been impressive.

Bowman, who has been the team's seventh runner in previous seasons, has finished as high as second for the Salukis this season, which was accomplished at the Saluki Invitational, and will be one of the keys to the Salukis' success at Louisville, Sparks said.

Sparks said he expects Eastern Kentucky, Louisville, Rend Lake and Kentucky to be SIU's main competition on the men's side. There are 66 teams entered in the race, with teams still allowed to enter or withdraw.

Both teams have a good chance of setting personal best times and that could give Sparks' runners motivation to run well.

"It's a really fast, flat course," Sparks said. "That's going to give a lot of people confidence to know that they're going to have the opportunity to set personal bests."

The women's team has won both the Panther Open and Saluki Invitational. They were able to beat Murray State by just four points to win their home meet.

Sophomore Megan Hoelscher has led the women's team this season. After taking first at the Panther Open Sept. 12, Hoelscher followed the win with a third place showing at the Saluki Invitational Saturday.

Sophomore Emily Toennies and junior A'Seret Dokubo have also been vital to the women's success and

should figure prominently into SIU's game plan Saturday. Toennies has finished fourth in both the Panther Open and Saluki Invitational, while Dokubo finished third at Eastern Illinois and 11th in the Salukis' home meet.

Toennies has continued this season as one of SIU's top runners.

"Louisville is going to be very competitive, so we're going to have to bring everything we have," Toennies said. "We want to go out there and do what we can as a team. I think we're going to do well."

Sparks said the main competition on the women's side should come from Eastern Kentucky, Louisville, Kentucky, Rend Lake and Murray State, which SIU defeated by just points at the Saluki Invitational.

The women's race begins at 9:30 a.m. Saturday with the men's race immediately following. The meet will be the third scored meet of the season and the fourth overall for SIU.

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The Saluki runners will travel to Louisville this weekend for the Greater Louisville Classic. The men's team is ranked eighth in the midwest, while the women's team received a ranking of 13th from the USTFCCCA.